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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 28, NATAL, French str., 4040, Suez, Shanghai 25th August, Mails and General.
August 28, DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1194, Tientsin, Kobe 21st August, General and Passengers.
August 28, BAYERN, German steamer, 2877, Rangoon, Shanghai 25th August, Mails and General.
August 28, MONTAGNE, German steamer, 1527, Yokohama, Shanghai 25th August, General.
August 28, AXOT, British steamer, 814, R. Kohler, Shanghai 24th August, General.
August 28, CARIBBEAN, British steamer, 973, R. Cass, Saigon 24th August, Rice and Paddy.
August 28, TAYRA, German str., 663, Jaoctien, Shanghai 23rd August, General.
August 28, GENERAL WERNER, German str., 1380, W. F. Schukomann, Nagasaki 24th August, Mails and General.
August 28, JAPAN, British str., for Calcutta.

DEPARTURES.

August 28, NATAL, French str., for Calcutta.
August 28, DEUTEROS, German steamer, for Tientsin.
August 28, BAYERN, German steamer, for Rangoon.
August 28, MONTAGNE, German steamer, for Yokohama.
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PASSENGERS.

Per Natal, str., from Shanghai, 4040, Suez, 25th August, Mails and General.
Per Deuteros, str., from Tientsin, 1194, 21st August, General and Passengers.
Per Bayern, str., from Rangoon, 2877, 25th August, Mails and General.
Per Montagne, str., from Yokohama, 1527, 25th August, General.
Per Axot, str., from Shanghai, 814, 24th August, General.
Per Caribbean, str., from Saigon, 973, 24th August, Rice and Paddy.
Per Tayra, str., from Jaoctien, 663, 23rd August, General.
Per General Werner, str., from Nagasaki, 1380, 24th August, Mails and General.
Per Japan, str., for Calcutta.

REPORTS.

The German steamer Deuteros, from Kobe 21st August, reports bad weather, light westerly breeze and calm.

The British steamer Caribbean, from Saigon 24th August, reports experienced light winds with fine weather and smooth sea throughout.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co. ESTABLISHED IN 1815, OF LONDON, BORDEAUX, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, LAHORE, KUALA LUMPUR, &c.

COGNAC—The popular "4 Star" quality and best—No better shipped.
COGNAC—The well-known "2 Star" quality.
SCOTCH WHISKY—The "CARLTON" 11 years old.
The "HEART SHAPED BOTTLE".
The "SQUARE BOTTLE".
Are C. P. & Co.'s selected Whiskies of perfect quality, each is well matured and free from French oil.

IRISH WHISKY—Only one quality consigned, the best.
PORT—INVALIDS.
Invalids in particular are recommended to select this wine, it is really an INVALID'S PORT.
SHERRY—For Connoisseurs the following have their own distinctive merits:
The "INVALIDS" pale, delicate, fine flavor.
"AMOROUS" a Sherry Wine, very popular.
"MAMANTILLA," a clear dry sparkling wine.
"SWEET"—White Seal, a special favorite in China.

CLARET—Perfectly pure Bordeaux, not loaded to please, vitiated palate.
LONDON—In quarts and pints.
LAUREN—In quarts and pints.
ST. ESTEVE—In quarts and pints.
MANGAT-MEDOC in quarts and pints.

LIQUEUR—Bénédictine from the Monastery.
C. P. & Co. are the Sole Consignors of this world wide known Liqueur.
For Prices apply to either of the above Firms marked *

PORTLAND CEMENT—J. B. WHITE & CO. SOLE AGENTS IN CHINA. HOLLAND WISE & Co. HONGKONG, 11th April 1888.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that if upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's Foremen should be at hand, orders for repairs if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to the 3rd proximo both days inclusive.

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INTIMATIONS.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £ 698,425
ANNUAL INCOME £ 80,000
SUMS ASSURED £ 200,000,000
CLAIMS PAID £ 212,000,000

THE STANDARD has been established for 62 years, and its Invested Funds are the largest of any Life Office in the United Kingdom with the exception of one office established ten years earlier.

Full particulars as to the Company's different Schemes of Assurance may be obtained on application to the

BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, Agents, Hongkong.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, Summer Number "The Graphic".

W. BREWER HAS JUST RECEIVED A Quantity of New French Novels.

A Quantity of Choice Manila Cigars. Stylized Pens.

Hutton's Engineer's Hand-book. Read's Engineer's Hand-book.

Hutton's Workman's Hand-book. Keeton's Manual of Engineering.

French and English Conversation. Cheap Stationery.

Envelopes at \$1.40 per 1000. Three Cables Tobacco.

New Assortment of Ladies' French Evening Shoes.

Tennis Ball, &c., &c.

WALTER W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. HAVE RECEIVED THEIR

SPORTING GEAR FOR THIS SEASON.

FOWLING-PIECES 12 & 16 Bore. DUCK GUNS.

ALLIANCE SPORTING POWDER. ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES, WADES.

LOADING AND RE-CAPPING MACHINES. CARTRIDGE BAGS AND BELTS.

CHILLED & COMMON SHOT in all Numbers. SHOOTING BOOTS AND KNICKER.

DOCKERS STOCKINGS, WATER-PROOF RUGS. DOG WHISTLES, WHIPS & COLLARS.

PICNIC STORES. ROOPLY PREMISES WANTED in the

vicinity of the Wyndham Street, Shelly Street, or Wellington Street.

Particulars to be sent to Mr. JOHN H. HANCOCK, C.E., 10, Bank Buildings.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAY-UP CAPITAL £ 7,500,000
RESERVE FUND £ 4,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £ 7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS—Hon. JOHN BELL—Chairman.
Hon. J. H. FORBES, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
G. D. BODLEY, Esq.
W. G. DUFF, Esq.
H. L. DUFF, Esq.
H. L. DUFF, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER—HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER—SHANGHAI—EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 3 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—For 3 months 3 per cent per annum.

For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.

For 12 months 5 per cent per annum.

LOCAL BRANCH DISCOUNTS.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

DRAFTS granted at the rate of 31 per cent per annum on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, 25th August, 1888.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVING BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong.

2.—Sums less than £1, or more than £250 at one time will not be received.

3.—Depositors may deposit with their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 31 per cent per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal.

6.—Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

7.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked ON HONGKONG SAVING BANK BUSINESS is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices Hongkong and China.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, TO-MORROW, 30th August, 1888, at HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving the Accounts and Report of the Directors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th August, both days inclusive.

R. LYALL, Secretary.

HONGKONG, 27th August, 1888.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 1/3 per cent or \$3.75 PER SHARE for the Six Months ended 30th June, 1888, declared at To-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company on and after TUESDAY, 29th August, 1888, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, G. HILLIES, Secretary.

HONGKONG, 27th August, 1888.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last at the rate of (21/10) ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS STRIKING PER SHARE OF \$125 IS PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, 29th August, 1888, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, 25th July, 1888.

SPECIALITIES.

THE MONKS OF THE ABBEY OF FEMPEY, France, have given the Monopoly of Sale of it in China to Messrs. SIEMSEN & Co., of Hongkong, to represent the ABBEY in China.

It is a medicinal, digestive and stomachic.

No one save ourselves has a right to import it into China.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. For execution of all Orders direct or otherwise.

SQUARE BOTTLE SCOTCH WHISKY. Of our own Blend and Shipping.

Excellent, Old, Soft, Pure, Inexpensive. Only in hands of SIEMSEN & Co.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, 1st September, 1887.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £ 2,000,000. PAID UP £ 500,000.

Registered Office, 40, THE ARCADE, LONDON.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO EX O.S.S. CO'S S.S. "JASON".

FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Underwriter not later than the 1st Sept. for shipment per steamer "DAEDALUS".

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 27th August, 1888.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Underwriter, in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk.

The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 28th instant.

Goods undelivered after the 3rd proximo, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 27th August, 1888.

"QUEEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "GLENROY" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her, from the S.S. "Glenroy" are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are also requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 10th of September, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

HONGKONG, 23rd August, 1888.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamer "MOYUNE" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent to the office of the Underwriter before Noon, on the 1st instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by the Underwriter.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and all Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 1st instant will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KERNBERG & Co.

HONGKONG, 26th August, 1888.

NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. HARRY WILLIAM DICK a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong.

W. HEWETT & Co. Hongkong, 27th August, 1888.

NOTICE.

A. G. SMITH, D.D.S., will take entire charge of the DENTAL PRACTICE of the Underwriter during Dr. KIMBALL'S temporary absence, and is duly authorized to sign the Firm.

WINN & KIMBALL. Hongkong, August, 1888.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day Established myself as a SHIP CHANDLER, STOREKEEPER, SAILMAKER, AVIATIONER, SHIPS' COOPERAGE, and GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT at the above Port, and am hereby authorized to sign the Firm.

C. G. GUTZ. Amoy, 17th August, 1888.

INSURANCE.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Underwriter, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of \$50,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 27th March, 1878.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwriter, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 16th July, 1887.

HENIX FIRE OFFICE.

THE Underwriter, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAURA & Co. Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office. Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

PAY-UP CAPITAL £ 400,000.

RESERVE FUND £ 500,000.

BONUSES PAID £ 300,000.

RISKS accepted at CURRENT RATES OF PREMIUM.

JAS. B. COUGTIE, Secretary. Hongkong, 30th March, 1888.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

I, WILLIAM JOHNSON, MESSMAN H. M. S. "ADAMANT", hereby give notice that the CAPTAIN and OFFICERS of the above Ship are NOT RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by me.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1888.

NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. DAVID AARON GUBRAY a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong and China from 1st January, 1888.

E. D. SASSOON & Co. Hongkong, 26th August, 1888.

NOTICE.

THE Steamship "PARSHAN" Captain Jao Young, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HONG HONG.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1888.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship "DUKE OF WESTMINSTER" 3726 Tons Register, Turner, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA AMOT, WOOSUNG, KORE, and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th August, at THREE P.M.

To be followed by the S.S. "PARSHAN" on the 31st Sept., and the S.S. "ADAMANT" on the 1st Oct.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Lines, and the United States Coast Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

Freight Rates granted as follows:—To Vancouver and Victoria, Mex. \$160.00.

To San Francisco, 175.00.

To all Common Ports in Canada, 230.00.

To Liverpool, 500.00.

To London, 500.00.

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, and to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to Mr. D. E. Brown, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 P.M. on the 28th August, 1888.

All Passes must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 29th August, 1888.

TO BE LET.

ROOMS in "COLLIER CHAMBERS" GODOWN in Ice House Lane, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st August.

INTIMATIONS.

CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
1888. NOW READY. 1889.
THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
FOR 1889.
WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED
THE CHINA DIRECTORY.
(TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ISSUE).
COMPREHENSIVE APPENDIX, PLANS, &c., &c.,
Royal 8vo, pp. 1,200—£5.00.
Small 8vo, pp. 1,200—£3.00.
THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
has been thoroughly revised and brought up
to date, and is again much increased in bulk.

NOTICE.

GARDEN SEEDS.
SEASON 1888-9.

THE following SEEDS required for
immediate sowing
CAN BE SUPPLIED AT ONCE—
CELESTY.

CYCLAMEN.

CINERARIA.

OUR FIRST SHIPMENT
of
ASSORTED VEGETABLE AND
FLOWER SEEDS
has arrived, and will be ready for delivery in
a day or two.

CATALOGUES AND GARDENING NOTES

FREE

ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 17th August, 1888.

NOTES.

At the Queen's Room, on the 27th inst., the
wife of Mr. W. H. Latham, Engineer, Steam
Engine, &c., &c.,
On the 28th August, the wife of O. J. Kewell,
a son.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 29th, 1888.

His Excellency LI HUNG-CHANG has the
Poochow Echo states, addressed the Viceroy
of Peking on the desecration of the tea trade,
directing him to take such steps as he may
deem necessary to bring about an improve-

ment in the quality of the tea and pointing
out to him that this national industry is
threatened with extinction unless some
change is effected. Tea is wanted all over
the world, he adds, but it will soon be
entirely supplied by other tea-growing coun-

tries. China cannot produce quality as good,
and at the same time as moderate in price, as
that grown by her rivals. It is satisfactory
to find that the Chinese Government is wak-

ing up to the importance of this question and
is taking action upon it. Two things are re-

quisite to place China in a condition to com-

pete successfully with other countries in the
tea market—an improvement in cultivation

and a reduction in taxation. The former
will take some time to effect; the benefit of
the latter might be secured at once. Indian

and Ceylon teas are shipped free of duty of
all kinds, whereas China tea has not only to
pay export duty but also duties and numerous

local levies. That it has kept the hold
it has on the market, despite its heavy bur-

den, shows, that it would not be easily
beaten in a fair field. It rests with the Chi-

nese themselves to give it this fair field.
There is ample room, also, for improvement

in cultivation. As the Poochow paper says,
cultivation has been practically limited to
the hoeing away of weeds to keep the plants

from being choked; there has never been
any pruning or maturing to speak of. The

result is that the soil is in a certain state
of exhaustion, and experts are unanimous in

the opinion that there has been a deteriora-

tion in the quality of the tea. Our contem-

porary suggests that a Government officer,
one skilled in horticulture, should be ap-

pointed to visit the tea districts in order to
gauger the extent of the mischief, make

known the remedy, and encourage and assist
the growers to carry it out. If the land

were treated more generously, the crop would
be increased in quantity and improved in

quality and the grower would thereby be en-

abled to offer superior tea at prices now paid
for inferior. In the manipulation of the leaf

after picking there is also doubtless much to
be learnt from the Indian plantations. It

is, however, a matter of common knowledge
that China tea is more wholesome than In-

dian, this being due, presumably, to the dif-

ference in the method of preparation of the
leaf for market. If this be so, discrimination

will have to be exercised as to the extent to which
the Indian system should be followed, for

the wholesomeness of China tea is one of its
chief recommendations in competition with

tea grown elsewhere. Reports from the tea
districts this year all agree that good teas

view with disfavour the shutting out of
their subjects, especially on the grounds
urged for that purpose, that Chinese colonies
are wholly undesirable, and that they alone
of all races in the world are to be excluded.
In China, aliens enjoy no great privileges, but
all are treated alike, whereas it is proposed
that the Chinese subjects, if the arrangement
said to be favoured by Lord Salisbury—
that the Australian colonies should proceed
by legislation which should treat all for-

Tea Governor was not very happy in his
reply to the Hon. B. LAYTON's question in
the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency commenced by saying that
there was no truth in the rumours of the
action he had taken with respect to the
orders not to arrest mendicants and the
suspension of the law prohibiting the light-

ing of bonfires in the street. Having said
this much, His Excellency went on to show
that there was a good deal of truth in the
rumours. Orders were issued that beggars
were not to be arrested, but it was a tem-

porary measure, the reasons for which were
stated. As to bonfires, it appears it is
substantially true that the law has been
suspended. To give orders to the police not

to prosecute in a certain class of cases,
though not technically a suspension of the
law, has virtually the same effect.

At a fully attended meeting of the subscribers
to the Shanghai Electric Company, Limited,
held on the 22nd August, it was unanimously
resolved to proceed with the company.

The Ocean Steamship Company's service to
Borneo, Labuan, and Singapore will be com-

menced on the 14th proximo, with the *Memo*,
which is advertised to leave Hongkong on that
date.

Mr. Walter Hillier, Chinese Secretary of the
British Consulate, and family, arrived at
Yokohama by the *Porphyria*, and proceeded to
Shanghai by the M. M. steamer *Gisa*, arriving
on the 24th August.

Information reached us, says the *Echo*, that
the late typhoon has caused frightful destruction
at Chang Lich a place distant from Foonchow
about 50 miles. The loss of lives and cattle is
said to be very great.

A Northern contemporary states that Prince
Chun is leaving Foonchow during the coming au-

tomn for the purpose of examining the
defences of the coast, and to decide what im-

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The rendition of Ng Wei-chai Tai, Mung
Wei was again applied for by the Chinese
Government. It was stated that before the
Hon. J. W. Russell, C.M.G., yesterday, at the
Police Court. It may be remembered that Ng
Wei was wanted by the Canton authorities some
thirteen months ago on a charge of robbery and
murder in Canton city. He was then in this
colony, and when the police proceeded to arrest
him he attempted to make his escape by shooting
at the constable. For that offence he has
received a slight punishment, imprisonment, at the
expiration of which, he was brought up for
trial with a view to his rendition, and was com-

mitted to go pending the order of His Ex-

cellency the Governor.

The N. O. Daily News translates the follow-

ing from the *Widdowood*—"The Ministry
of Finance at St. Petersburg has concluded a
new agreement with the Russian Government
ship-owners, for 15 years, for steam navigation
between Russian ports, Japan, Korea, and China,
by which Mr. Sherwell is bound during each
year to add a small steamer for coasting work
and a larger one for foreign trade. The new
agreement will cost the Russian Government
about 20,000,000 roubles, and the new large, 15,000
ton, will be the Gulf of Tartary, and the third,
navigation beyond the Russian frontier, 20,000
miles. The contract expires in 1903, and will
be three roubles for each mile covered.

The *Shin-poo* says—During the middle of
last month the director of the newly-formed
Siam Steamship Company, Yang Yoo-fang,
in response to a telegraphic invitation from His
Excellency the Governor, came to Tientsin, and
had several interviews with the Chinese Govern-

ment. After stopping here about a fortnight, director
Yang returned to Shanghai by the steamer
Fungshan a few days since. It is said that the
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Government Brigade were observed to take the
loss of the ship to indulge in such horse play
as dressing a passing sailing boat, or an unfor-

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said to have been under the command of the
most capable of the language of the fire ex-

tinguishers, the language of the colony that
was sent for several years, and many thousands
dollars worth of property was mortified
mightily having been saved had the appliances
been anything like equal to the requirements of
a large town.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met yesterday after-

noon. There were present—
His Excellency the GOVERNOR, Sir WIL-

LIAM, H.C. J. RUSSELL, C.M.G., Acting Chief
Justice.
Hon. F. EYRE, LL.D., Colonial Secretary.
Hon. H. O'NEILL, Colonial Secretary.
Hon. R. WOODHOUSE, Acting Colonial
Secretary.
Hon. J. M. PRINCE, Surveyor-General.
Hon. W. M. DEANE, Captain-Superintendent
of the Police.
Hon. P. BYRNE.
Hon. WONG SHING.
Hon. J. BELL-LIVING.
Hon. B. LAYTON.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read
and confirmed.

THE GAP ROCK LIGHT HOUSE.

The correspondence connected with the scheme
for the light house on Gap Rock was laid on the
table, and a minute by His Excellency, which
will be found in another column.

FINANCE.

Six minutes from His Excellency recommen-

ding money votes were read. The votes were
referred to the Finance Committee.

PAPERS Laid ON THE TABLE.

The Colonial Secretary laid the following
papers on the table:—The report of the Super-
intendent of the Afloatment Department for 1887;
the returns of births and deaths for 1887; the
returns of marriages for 1887; the returns of
the Harbour Master's report for 1887; and the
report on the Blue Book for 1887.

THE ACTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY WITH RE-

GARD TO THE PROSECUTION OF MENDICANTS
AND PERSONS LIGHTING BONFIRES IN THE
STREETS.

Hon. B. LAYTON—I beg leave, Sir, to ask the
following questions:—Whether there is any
truth in the rumours to the effect that an order
has been given that mendicants are not to be ar-

rested in the Colony, and that the burning of
bonfires is to be allowed to go on unchecked?

His Excellency—As the hon. member has
given me private notice of these questions, I have
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taken together.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then moved the
first reading of the German Mail Steamers
Ordinance continuation Ordinance 1888, the
object of which was to amend the Ordinance
relating to German mail steamers as is done for
French mail steamers by the French Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and
both Ordinances were read a first time.

The standing order of Council was then read
in order that the Bills might be passed
through the other stages, as the existing Ordin-

ances expire on the 1st September.

His Excellency—It may be as well to state
at this stage that I have received no further in-

structions about this matter. I have not paid
any very great attention to the subject, be-

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